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Assignee: FibroGen, Inc.

Title: METHODS FOR DIAGNOSING RENAL DISORDERS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 30 December 2002, the period for response having been extended to 30 April 2003 by the accompanying petition and fee, please consider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-13, 17, and 18 without prejudice.

Please enter rewritten claims 14 and 15, and add new claims 19 to 35, as follows:

14. (Again Amended) A method for diagnosing glomerulosclerosis in a subject, the method comprising:

(a) obtaining a sample from the subject;  
(b) detecting the level of CTGF protein in the sample; and  
(c) comparing the level of CTGF protein in the sample to a standard level of CTGF protein, wherein increased levels of CTGF protein are indicative of the presence of glomerulosclerosis.

15. (Once Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the glomerulosclerosis is associated with diabetes.